

EDITORIALS

THOUGHT FOR TODAY—In a free society, the state does not administer the affairs of men. It administers justice among men, who conduct their own affairs.—Walter Lippman.

Hope Sunday

"There's hope when you help." That will be the battlecry today as marchers take the field on behalf of the City of Hope.

The door-to-door drives, which has the endorsement of Gov. Edmund Brown, and city and civic leaders throughout the Southland, is a mammoth, one-day drive for funds to support the free, non-sectarian medical center program.

The City of Hope has gained national recognition for its outstanding contributions to medicine. Its three-point program of patient care, research, and medical education in the catastrophic diseases has been a true hope for persons suffering from such diseases as cancer, leukemia, and operable heart diseases.

Pioneer businessman Sam Levy heads up the "Hope Sunday" drive here and will be assisted by a volunteer army of "Citizens of Hope" in efforts to raise Torrance's fair share of the support for the famous medical center.

When the volunteer calls at your door today for a contribution, remember that your contribution may be the one that brings the breakthrough in the fight against the killing diseases of cancer and heart.

It's money well spent.

Opinions of Others

There are few human achievements—and probably none that must be repeated on a prescribed and inflexible schedule—that represents more thought, longer hours of effort, or a higher sense of dedication than the newspaper.—West Union (W. Va.) The Record.



In Years Gone By

Thirty-five years ago this week the Dominguez Water Co., which supplied water to the Torrance Water, Light, and Power Co., was the center of an attack by residents who charged that conditions at the pumping station were unhealthy, according to HERALD files of June 6, 1924. After an investigation by a county health department

representative revealed that sediment from decayed vegetation was resulting in offensive odors but not threatening health, the water company agreed to use chemical treatment on the water supply to destroy the accumulation of vegetables that had tainted the smell of the reservoir.

Coming in for its share of editorial comment was the case of Nathan Leopold and Richard Loeb, intellectual murderers of Robert Franks in Chicago, whose shocking story was popularized only this year in the play "Compulsion."

With summer plans for beach activities nearly completed, Redondo began sprucing up its bathhouse, which allegedly contained the "largest hot salt water plunge in the world," and dance pavilion and engaged the services of a dance orchestra to appear nightly and six days a week. Amusement park rides were being readied for a grand opening of the summer season to be held the last weekend of the month.



What Seniors Have Studied

This is graduation week and nearly 700 Torrance seniors will walk up to receive their high school diplomas in two ceremonies here Thursday evening.

What have they learned? That remains to be seen when they start buckling down to college courses, or start out on their new jobs if they are going right on to work.

One thing is certain, however. They have been exposed to a long list of subjects which has been established by state and district officials as a requisite minimum.

For example, all students must spend a minimum of 50 per cent of each school week in grades one to six on the subjects of reading, writing, spelling, language arts, arithmetic, and civics, which includes a study of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.

Seventh and Eighth graders must spend a minimum of 600 minutes a week on those subjects. Not less than 20 minutes a

day must be spent on physical education.

Other subjects required, although the amount of study is not designated, include geography, music, healthful living, morality, truth, justice, patriotism, fire prevention, science, narcotics, thrift, U.S. and California history, art, morals and manners, conduct, public safety and accident prevention, homemaking and industrial arts, alcohol, and the humane treatment of animals.

Special occasions which require observance include Washington's birthday, Susan B. Anthony Day (Feb. 15, and Conservation, Bird, and Arbor Days.

This is all fine and good, but we wonder how many seniors graduating each June (also traditional wedding month) have learned that the wedding ring is worn on the third finger of the left hand because of an old belief that a vein runs directly from this finger to the heart.

Or that the word wedding comes from an old Anglo-Saxon custom on betrothing

children wherein the bridegroom's pledge of marriage was accompanied by a "wed," or security for the purchase price of the bride.

And that giving the bride away merely represents the time when the father delivered his daughter to her fiancé, who paid up the balance due.

Or that the best man dates from the days when a man simply carried off a girl who had wandered too far from her father's cave, and a muscular friend fought off the pursuing kin during the first days of the marriage.

Or that the honeymoon arose from the same need to hide out from members of the girl's family until they got tired of looking for her.

These things didn't foster togetherness, and may have been the beginning of the mother-in-law stories we hear today.

I wonder how many of these items of history have been passed on to today's graduating classes? It's vital stuff.

RAMBLINGS by Ronnie Saunders

How a Column Gets Its Name

This is a story that probably should have been written a few months back — when this columnist first began penning her RAMBLINGS. But at that time I was more concerned with WHAT to call my weekly column than WHY.

In an introspective moment last week, however, I found myself wondering what made me decide on the title RAMBLINGS. And I think I know the answer.

To the reader casually glancing through headlines the context of a column is usually summed up in its title. As a writer I would be limiting myself to a narrow area of exploration if I were to call my column by any other name.

I knew when I began the column last March what I wanted most of all was freedom to write about whatever crossed my mind at the moment... a sort of will 'o' the wisp column that could touch upon a moment or a place in my life or the life in

this city fleetingly and out of context.

I wanted to communicate my thoughts in whatever direction the impulse should move me. I knew I wanted to be free to roam from topic to topic from week to week.

Knowing what I wanted, I also knew what I didn't want. I didn't want to feel stereotyped. I didn't want to feel that week after week I had to say the same thing in a different way... to be fenced in by my own column. Realizing that what I sought was flexibility, freedom from a rigid pattern, I hit upon the word I thought would sum it up. And that word was RAMBLINGS.

And that's just what I've been doing for the past three months... I've been rambling. I've rambled about the beach, the weather, the patios and gardens of Torrance, and a tree I got on Mother's Day. I've rambled impulsively about what ever caught my

enthusiasm or memory for the moment. And it wasn't until this week that I asked myself why.

I guess that's probably the reason this column wasn't written a the beginning three months ago, which would have made chronological sense. Because out of context, it still is able to express the thought that prompted its writing. And that, if anything, is the purpose of my RAMBLINGS.

My Neighbors



STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN

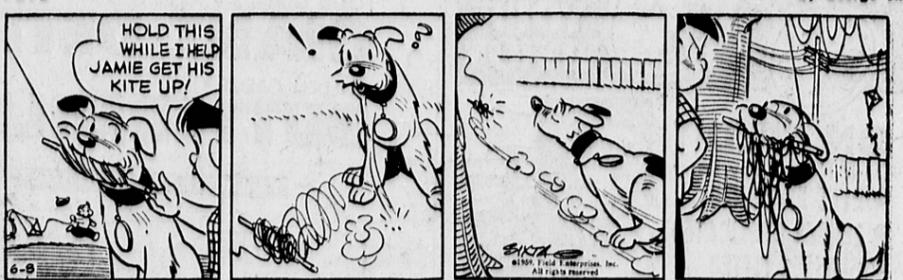
Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars. To develop message for Sunday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

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